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1. CONCERNING MODALITIES OF APPROACH TO ROC ON NUCLEAR TEAM'S FINDINGS AND OUR PROPOSALS AND/OR REQUESTS FOR ACTION ON THEIR PART, I BELIEVE DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED SCENARIO WILL MAKE IT AT LEAST AS DIFFICULT AND FACE-LOSING FOR CCK TO ACCEPT OUR PROPOSALS AS IF ROC SIDE IS PREPARED, STEP-BY-STEP, AS PROPOSED IN REF EMBTEL. IF STEP ONE IS A NONTECHNICAL PRESENTATION TO CCK, AT ITS CONCLUSION IT SEEMS TO ME MOST LIKELY HE WILL SAY "THANK YOU; YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL HAVE TO CONSULT WITH MY EXPERTS BEFORE CARRYING OUR DISCUSSION FURTHER". HIS EXPERTS OBVIOUSLY WILL ARGUE AGAINST ACCEPTING SOME OF OUR PROPOSALS, AND HE WILL BE PUT IN THE POSITION OF IGNORING THEIR ARGUMENTS IF HE THEN WISHES TO ACCEPT OUR PROPOSALS.

2. I CANNOT, OF COURSE, GUARANTEE THAT UNDER MY FORMULA THE PREMIER WILL, WHEN HE AND I ULTIMATELY MEET, BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT OUR PROPOSALS, BUT I THINK IT MORE LIKELY SINCE HE WILL HAVE GOT THE MESSAGE FROM HIS ADVISERS -- TECHNICAL AND POLITICAL -- THAT OUR POSITION IS FIRM AND UNYIELDING AND HE HAS LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO ACCEPT. IT WOULD BE AS IF A

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NEGOTIATION BY EXPERTS HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE, AND HE AND I WERE SIMPLY GIVING FORMAL BLESSING TO THE RESULTS.
(INCIDENTALLY, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TACTICALLY IF WE DID HAVE AT LEAST ONE NONESSENTIAL POINT WHICH WOULD BE INCLUDED IN OUR PROPOSALS AT THE OUTSET BUT WHICH COULD, ONCE THE DISCUSSION REACHES THE PREMIER'S LEVEL, BE CONCEDED BY US.)

3. I ALSO AM SOMEWHAT UNEASY ABOUT AN INITIAL "NONTECHNICAL
PRESENTATION TO CCK." SUCH DISCUSSIONS ON THE PART OF RELATIVE
INNOCENTS IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD COULD, I FEAR, GO ASTRAY IN AN
UNFORTUNATE WAY IF THE GROUND HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN WELL LAID
FOR THEM.
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